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"Is Your Church Burning?"

The above is the title of a provocative sound filmstrip based on the riots in the cities in 1967 and the subsequent report of the Commission on Civil Disorders. Springboard for the presentation is the statement from the report: "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal." Facts, figures and discussion questions are built into the record and filmstrip.

On the reverse side of the record are statements on the crisis in the nation by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Governor Otto Kerner, Whitney Young, and James Baldwin.

This unusual filmstrip has just been added to the Southeast Conference Audio-Visual Library, and is available to our churches for return postage.

SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

May we join with Dr. Ben M. Herbst, President of the United Church of Christ, in this Hour of Crisis and Tragedy?

"Am grieved and outraged by crime against Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Let us pray for the well-being of his family. This is a time for men of good will to end the insane violence that drags this nation into a pit of despair. It is a time for sober self-examination and contrition, even more a time for reconciliation. Each of us must rid his heart of bitterness, distrust, and selfishness, must dedicate himself to reestablish spiritual and moral foundations that have been bulwarks of this nation. We urge a service of examination and reconciliation in all UCC churches."

Our churches are committed by their faith and by the leadership of Christ to non-violence. Let us so act.

W. J. Andes



Horace Sills New President Of Penn West Conference

The Reverend Horace Sills was elected president of the Penn West Conference in May. He has served the Southeast Conference as a liaison person to the Division of Church Extension for the past several years.

The Reverend Sills has visited many churches in the Conference, conducted local church studies, shared in revival meetings, helped the churches in their ecumenical ministries and brought vision and hope to the churches. His ministry to the Conference has been significant and will be missed.

A graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary and a native of North Carolina, he served on the staff of the Division of Church Extension of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries for seven years.

He is married to the former Anne Louise Cloninger. They have four children.

"THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAITING OF THE PROPHET AND THE STANDING STILL OF THE FOOL." — RALPH WALDO EMERSON

LaForet Pastors School 1968

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries again offers an opportunity to pastors for summer study and fellowship at the La Foret Pastors School near Colorado Springs, Colorado, from July 9 - 30.

There is a general registration fee of \$25.00 required of all who apply. Beyond this, all costs of tuition, room and board, together with travel expenses, subject to certain conditions, are provided by the school. Details are given in a prospectus of the school, available from the Conference office.

Special training in group sensitivity will be offered along with the courses in Biblical and theological subjects.

Offering courses will be Allen G. Wehrli, Eden Seminary, Emeritus; Donald White, United Theological Seminary; and John L. Hoff, Graduate Seminary of Phillips University. Lectures will be given by Howard and Jane Sprag, UCBHM; Alden and Derrith Matthews, UCBWM; and Byron L. Johnson, University of Colorado.

Application forms may be secured from the Conference Minister, whose approval is required.

June 2 Beginning Of Pentecost Season

It is generally understood that the birthday of the church occurred on Pentecost, a season which each pastor should use to emphasize the nature of the church as the community whose Head is the living Christ.

Now is the time for the community to follow seriously and courageously its living Lord. Now is the time for the church to be motivated by the Spirit of Truth that dwells within the community and to awaken to the tasks to which the Spirit leads it.

Let the church build bridges of friendship to overcome the barriers of enmity. Let the church extend the cooperating hand of strength to those in need and overcome the tragedy and despair of human existence.

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Join with other adults, youth and children
in your church in study and action,
in becoming more truly God's faithful people.

THE UNITED CHURCH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CURRICULUM

MAY BE THE RESOURCES YOUR CHURCH NEEDS

FIRST SEMESTER (September - January)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE — stress is upon the Bible

SECOND SEMESTER (February - June)

BELONGING TO THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP — stress is upon the Church

SUMMER SEMESTER (July - August)

LIVING IN GOD'S WORLD — stress is upon the wonders, mystery and richness of creation and man's responsible use of the resources of creation.

FOR INFORMATION ON COURSES AND COSTS, WRITE TO: UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR HOMELAND MINISTRIES, DIVISION OF PUBLICATION - PERIODICALS, 1505 RACE STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19102

Southeast Minister Is Featured On 'Today' Show

The Reverend Andrew Young, Executive Vice-President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, was interviewed in Washington by NBC correspondent Paul Cunningham on the "Today" show, a national television program, May 13.

In the interview, the Reverend Mr. Young explained the organization and objectives of the Poor Peoples Campaign. He stated that oil companies, big farmers, and others are subsidized by the government and the Poor Peoples Campaign is asking only that the poor share in this public welfare.

Following the interview, Hugh Downs, the host of the "Today" show, commented that the Reverend Mr. Young's discussion had put more light on the Poor Peoples Campaign than he had found yet on radio, television or in the newspapers.

What Do Local Churches Do With Their Money?

Approximately 86 cents out of every dollar given by members of the United Church of Christ is used in the local church for its own program.

Only 14 cents of the dollar goes for work beyond the parish.

In the most recent study of the financial statistics of North American denominations, the United Church of Christ ranked 51st out of 63 in terms of the percentage of the dollar used for work outside the local church. Among the 20 communions with more than 100,000 members, only one had a lower percentage for benevolences.

Thirteen hundred congregations in the denomination contribute \$25 to OCWM Basic Support for each \$100 to local current expenses. The Southeast Conference encourages every church in the Conference to strive toward contributing in this manner.

Let the churches begin.

Charleston Minister Retires

Dr. William R. Barnhart, pastor of the Circular Congregational Church, Charleston, South Carolina, for the past ten years, retired at the end of April.

During his ministry in Charleston, Dr. Barnhart conducted a weekly radio broadcast and spoke at many public meetings.

The Barnharts will continue to live in Charleston.

Dr. Barnhart received his education at Johns Hopkins University, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. He served as executive secretary of the Federation of Churches in Washington, D. C., professor of Religion and Philosophy at Pacific University, minister of Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church in Frederick, Maryland, head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Hood College, and as a member of the Preaching Mission Teams sent out by the National Council of Churches. He has been on five Sherwood Eddy Seminar trips to Europe and on a World Christian Seminar.

Dr. Barnhart has contributed numerous articles to religious journals and has been listed in "Who's Who in America" for more than 25 years.

Seminary Graduate To Supply In Charleston

Robert Aregood will graduate from Lancaster Seminary in May, be ordained to the ministry in June, and supply at the Circular Congregational Church, Charleston, South Carolina, during the summer.

In September, he will go to Europe for a month's study with a group of Lancaster Seminary seniors.

His summer ministry at Circular Church will include preaching, sharing in the church school program, developing youth activities, visiting and attempting to determine the deep needs of the inner city, and relating the church to these needs.

TV Special Describes Work Of Modern Missionaries

"In the Name of God," an ABC television special, May 20, described the work of three modern missionaries.

The agricultural/spiritual ministry of the Reverend Gifford Towle, a United Church missionary in India, was covered in detail.



Youths Work At Uplands Retirement Village

Imagine 13 young people and three adults working for the fun of it and for the opportunity of serving others. This they did at Uplands Retirement Village, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee.

The group came from the First United Church of Christ, Hartford, Connecticut. They spent six days at Uplands, cleaning up the old dairy barn and barnyard area, weeding flower beds, cleaning off a nature trail, painting the inside of one of the houses and building a stone wall.

Refreshed by the hard work, the group joined the local youth in the evening for folk singing, a picnic and an evening at the Cumberland County Playhouse.

"What an inspiration they were to all of us. We received much from them and they in turn left here feeling that they had received much," said Wayne Peck, administrator of Uplands.

NEW FACILITY TO BE DEDICATED

The new Baird Annex to the Wharton Home is to be dedicated June 16, 2:30 p. m. Lee Rockwell of the Health and Welfare Division of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries is to be the guest speaker.

Church Offers Hymnals

The Community United Church of Christ of Lake Park, Florida, has offered to contribute 125 copies of the Broadman Hymnal to a church that could use them. The church has replaced the hymnal.

The offer has been forwarded to the Service Division of the Board for World Ministries and other agencies that may know of churches in need of hymnals.

Churches interested in them should contact the Southeast Conference Office.

Lanett Church Dedicates New Stained Glass Windows

The Lanett Congregational Christian Church dedicated its 16 new hand-blown stained glass windows on May 19. The windows were made in England and depict the life of Jesus in symbolic pictures, beginning with the Annunciation and ending with Pentecost.

The Reverend Joe A. French, pastor of the church at the time the present building was erected, preached the sermon for the dedication of the windows. His sermon stressed the mission of the church as seen in the life and ministry of Jesus.

Sharing in the service of dedication were the present pastor, the Reverend W. W. Hall; the chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. Lawrence Moncus; the Southeast Conference Minister, the Reverend W. J. Andes; Miss Nonnie Looser, who described the effort of the church to find the right windows and then to secure the funds to purchase and install them.

Almost every window was installed in honor or in memory of a church member or a pastor of the church.

A covered-dish lunch followed the service of dedication.

Ministers' Family Conference To Be Held

Is there a minister and his family interested in attending the Ministers' Family Conference at the Dunkirk Conference Grounds, Dunkirk, New York, July 28 - August 3? This is a Continuing Education program designed for the minister and his family in a relaxed vacation setting.

"A Family Ministry of a Minister's Family" is the theme of the conference.

The Reverend and Mrs. William A. Genne, Executive Director of Family Life in the National Council of Churches, will be the conference leaders.

Interested ministers should contact the Southeast Conference Office, Box 29883, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

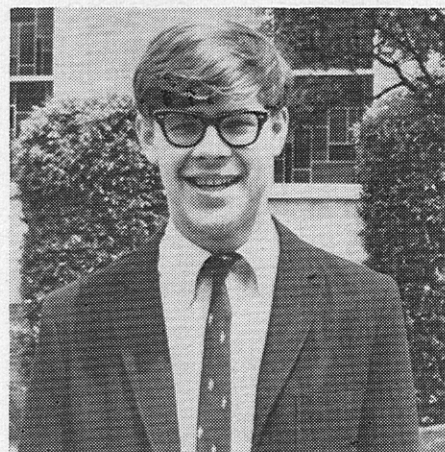
The cost: \$14 per adult, \$7.50 per child, 12 years and under (no charge for infants under one year), \$.10 per set of linen and blankets, if needed, 50c per person for insurance. The Council for Church and Ministry pays for half of board and room, thus enabling the low cost. Each pastor pays his own travel. No subsidy is available.

Commitment To Crisis Program Is Urged Throughout Church

The Committee for Racial Justice called on conferences and national instrumentalities to lead the United Church of Christ in action on the race-poverty crisis in the nation by pledging at least one per cent of their annual budgets to the cause.

Each instrumentality, conference and local church was asked to "examine its program and budget with a view of focusing more sharply on the problems of the ghetto and making available resources of money and personnel."

The Stewardship Council will help local churches raise funds both through the Neighbors in Need offering in 1968 and next fall's Christian Enlistment.



Fred Dresch Leads Atlanta Youth Sing to Benefit Inner-City Mission

The sounds of the modern teenage generation echoed through Central Congregational Church's new building May 17 as groups of teens sang folk songs in a benefit performance.

Fred Dresch, pictured above, president of the Southeast Conference Youth, was excellent in the role of master of ceremonies. His many solo numbers included one which he wrote.

The funds contributed by the enthusiastic audience were given to Emmaus House, an Episcopalian-sponsored, ecumenically operated inner-city mission. In the heart of Atlanta, Emmaus House is serving the needs of many Negro children.

Central's youth have participated in several activities sponsored by Emmaus House.

North Nashville Makes Plans For The Summer

Under the leadership of the Howard Church and its pastor, the Rev. Hycel B. Taylor, and in cooperation with the John Calvin Presbyterian Church, the North Nashville Neighborhood Ministry is under way. This ministry involves recreation, cultural entertainment, guidance programs, health and welfare services, employment assistance and the development of skills. Another focus of the ministry would be the development of community organization to provide opportunities for the residents of the community to make their voices heard in the city council and in other governmental agencies.

Working in the Ministry would be two United Church of Christ Vanderbilt students, the pastor, Mr. Taylor, and Riggins Earl of Washington, D. C. Other students are involved, and local residents of the area would do secretarial work, program the work and teach.



Church Leader Retires From College Post

The Reverend Dr. William T. Scott Sr. officially retired as director of church relations for Elon College on March 31. He has a long record of service as a pastor and as a denominational executive.

Dr. and Mrs. Scott will continue to reside at Elon College, North Carolina.



Want A Better Class For Your Teens?

It is not too early to begin planning your church's next Confirmation class—if you want a better one than you have yet had.

A new confirmation education program that is fresh in its approach and that is challenging to the teens has been developed by the Division of Christian Education of the United Church of Christ. The materials confront intelligent teens and inquiring adults with the basic issues of the Christian life.

Known as the Confirmation Education Series, the program is a far cry from the question and answer catechism which tended to produce drop-outs or bland, uncommitted church members. The program focuses upon persons and the alternatives they confront when deciding whether or not to be confirmed as committed members of the Christian community.

TWO KINDS OF RESOURCES

Two kinds of published resources are provided in the Confirmation Education Series: (1) guidance for local churches in developing their program of confirmation education; (2) combined resource books and discussion guides for participants.

A MANUAL FOR CONFIRMATION is the basic aid to ministers and local leaders who plan and design the local church's confirmation education for youth and adults.

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION? is a brief interpretive pamphlet intended for general reading by laymen and for study by the parents of youth prepar-

ing for confirmation.

STUDY UNITS FOR YOUTH

There are seven study units for youths. Each book, planned for use in six to ten sessions, is complete in itself and may be used alone or in combination with other resources.

WORDS OF FAITH aims to help youths explore the meanings and implications of the United Church Statement of Faith. There is no attempt to coerce the teens into giving assent to the Statement of Faith. Rather, they are challenged to take it seriously and to restate in their own words its significance for them.

DILEMMAS AND DECISIONS includes suggestions and questions for studying such problems as the search for selfhood, the struggle for social identification, the conflict between freedom and responsibility, the search for a cause worthy of commitment and the theological issues of the technological society.

CONFRONTING THE BIBLE is not a book about the Bible; it is a guide which aims to help young people acquire study methods that will open up the meaning of Bible passages and show their relevance to modern man.

CHRISTIAN DECISION AND ACTION raises the question: What do Christians do? Several areas in which young people must face ethical issues are explored: sex, the possession and use of material things, the problems of poverty and of peace.

SENT ON A MISSION is based on

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Statements Of Faith Made By New Members Of Brookmeade Church

Eight persons united with the Brookmeade Church, Palm Sunday. Instead of saying "I do" to an affirmation, each wrote his own statement of faith.

One read:

"I believe in God, the incomprehensible, beyond the grasp of the structures of the world, yet before whom I am given the possibility to live and the decision to die through the happening of the Christ event.

"All is good.

"I live in the Holy Spirit, free from the securities of the past and open to the uncertainties of tomorrow.

"The church is the community with whom I stand to take responsibility for the universe and commit my decisions to spread the word of life."

Another statement read:

"I affirm my commitment to the Christian Church; I enter freely, with an open and inquiring mind, searching for meaning in my life.

"I also affirm the role of the Church as an instrument of social change, leading us in the struggle for justice, and guiding us in the perpetual reformation of our society."

Appalachian Regional School For Church Leaders

Parish ministers, their wives, church executives, members of staffs of local churches and lay leaders are invited to attend the Appalachian Regional School for Church Leaders July 8-19.

Total cost for the two weeks is \$100 per person. Scholarship aid is available.

For information and applications write to the Southeast Conference Office, Box 29883, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

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Langdale Church Is Participating In Summer Coffee House

To help meet the needs of youths during the summer, the Christian, Methodist, Presbyterian and United Church of Christ congregations in Langdale, Ala., begin a Coffee House program June 14. The Coffee House will be located in an old TV building in Fairfax.

The Coffee House will be open from noon to midnight for ten weeks and will be managed by a young woman whom the churches have hired as director.

The Reverend Allen Hollis Jr. is pastor of the Congregational - Christian Church of Langdale, one of the participating churches.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN LANGDALE

The Men's Club held a fresh catfish supper for its annual Ladies' Night. The program included slides shown by the Reverend Richard Jones of the Fairfax Christian Church. He has spent two years in Germany. He also played the banjo and sang folk songs.

"The Local Church in God's Mission," the 1968-1969 United Church Emphasis, was studied by the church for an hour and a half the first Sunday evening in May.

United Church Publications Win Press Merit Awards

The United Church Herald and Youth, publications of the United Church of Christ, won two of the five Associated Church Press Merit Awards for 1968.

The magazines were chosen from a field of 74 entries from Catholic and Protestant organizations. Other winners included *Arena One*, the American Lutheran youth magazine; *Continuum*, a Roman Catholic quarterly, and *Motive*, a Methodist monthly of the University Christian Movement.

The judges cited the United Church publications for "outstanding performance, superior blending of meaningful content, visual appeal, and editorial imagination." It was the fifth Associated Church Press award for Youth and the second for the Herald. The Herald was the only general circulation magazine among the five winners.

The judges gave special praise to the "Newscope" and table of contents pages of the Herald. Judge Carl Regehr, art director of Chicago magazine, called Youth editor Herman Ahrenst,

Valley District Youth To Help Indian Work

At the April 20th meeting of Valley District United Church Youth, a panel representing churches in the area shared with the total group some of the efforts being made by local church groups.

During the discussion period which followed, youth and adult advisors discussed possibilities of some "sharing project" for the entire district.

The Executive Committee, meeting at Langdale on May 4, made basic plans to share in the work of a former Southeast Conference pastor who is now working among Indian Americans in South Dakota.

As a starter, youth and adults who attend the next District Rally July 27 and 28 at the Oak Grove Church, Pine Mountain, Georgia, are asked to bring one or more of the following items: clothing, bedding, books, Christian education materials, athletic equipment, tools and craft supplies, first aid supplies, medical instruments, sewing materials, school supplies, and mounted religious pictures.

At the Rally, one of the activities will be packing and shipping the items to the Reverend Raymond Berry.

For further information, write to the Valley District Secretary, Miss Anne Hodnett, R. 2, Box 73, Pine Mountain, Georgia 31822.

CLASS FOR TEENS

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the theme that the people of God are "sent on a mission." The teens are encouraged to explore and evaluate the manner in which the mission is being carried out by the church today.

WITNESSING IN THE WORLD helps teens explore their role in the world as human beings called to participate in the "passion and action" of their time.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS encourages the teens to study in depth the Sunday morning worship service and the rites of the church.

AN ADULT PROGRAM, TOO

The book for adults, CONVERSATION IN FAITH, deals with some of the most urgent issues with which alert churchmen are grappling today.

Jr., a "very hip editor." And Judge Wayne Wille, managing editor of the World Book Encyclopedia Year Book, said, "You also have to give credit to his church for letting him do it."

Important Television Series Begins In July

A major CBS-TV news series on prime time this summer will focus on the heritage, history, contributions and present perspective of the Negro. An underlying thread of the series, "Of Black America," is the conviction that one of the major root causes of black alienation in America is the often futile search for identity, dignity and character. A seven-week "CBS Reports" series will bring to visibility the Negro's impressive contributions to American life and culture.

The Division of Christian Education and the Council for Lay Life and Work recommend to local churches that this seven part week series, beginning on Tuesday, July 2, be used as a resource for local study and confrontation of the heritage of the Negro. Wherever possible, ecumenical viewing groups should be sponsored.

As a preliminary step, church leaders need to know if their local CBS-TV station will carry the series. If not, individuals, churches and community groups are encouraged to request their local CBS-affiliate station to make available this major network effort.

The CBS series will look at a wide variety of subjects in a magazine format. As planned now, broadcasts will emphasize the significance of the African heritage; the Negro's involvement in militancy, passivity and resignation; and the Negro's contribution to our history, music, sports, the arts, politics, business and the professions. One broadcast will use satellite communication to connect Negro Americans and African leaders in a conference.

Included in the broadcasts will be the results of and comments on a nation-wide public opinion survey of Negro attitudes conducted by CBS News.

The seven programs are all scheduled for Tuesday evenings (10-11 p. m.). The dates are: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and August 13, 20.

CBS News President, Richard Salant, said of the series, "that with the enormous reach of television, CBS News is hopeful (that it) can make some contribution in starting to fill the gaps both for Negroes and for whites."

The significance of the series can be extended through the concern of the churches, and its impact can be more dramatic if churches, in small groups and in families, address themselves to this issue, using these programs as resources.

Atlanta Church Will Sponsor Vacation School In Public Housing Areas

A Vacation School will be conducted this summer in two public housing areas of Atlanta by the First Congregational Church, UCC, of Atlanta, Georgia. Children from the church are being urged to participate in the program.

From June to August, the church will work with parents of the children to provide meaningful religious, cultural, educational and recreational experiences for the children.

The purpose of the program is to help children. Using an interdenominational oriented literature, the religious instruction will not be a proselytizing venture.

The Reverend Homer McEwen, pastor of the church, indicated that there will be a large number of males on the staff to provide additional opportunities for the children to relate to male adults as father figures.

The staff will be integrated to provide for personal relations with members of the majority group of the society.

Cultural field trips, picnics, trips to the zoo and to recreational centers will be part of the summer activities.

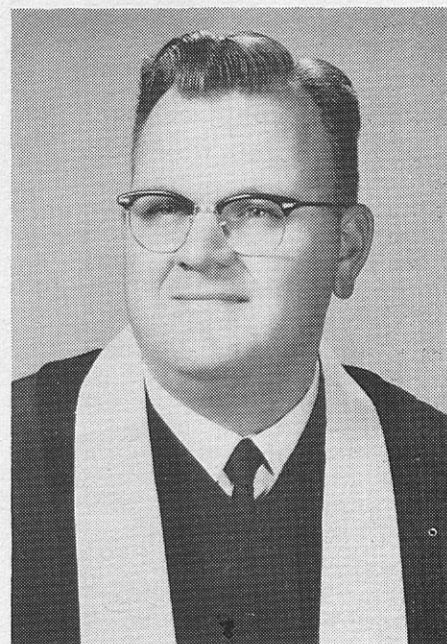
Discussions, films and film strips will be used in an effort to deepen the children's awareness of and appreciation for Negro history.

Sunday Bulletin Service Is Now Available

The United Church of Christ has a Sunday Bulletin Service that many churches have found to be most useful. The bulletins are attractive and on the back page are printed descriptions of "Our Christian World Mission," as well as insights into the suggested scripture for each Sunday.

Now is the time to order bulletins for the year ahead. To qualify as a subscriber and receive the \$1.25 per hundred rate, a church must order bulletins for every Sunday on which services are held. Special Sundays and special occasional bulletins can also be ordered.

For further information, write to: United Church of Christ, Sunday Bulletin Service, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102 — or to: Southeast Conference, Box 29883, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.



Cullman Church Calls Pastor

The Reverend George A. Fidler has been called to become the pastor of the St. John's United Church of Christ in Cullman, Alabama.

A graduate of Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., and the Divinity School of Duke University, the Reverend Fidler has served churches in Lexington, N. C.; Thomasville, N. C.; and Concord, N. C. He was licensed to preach in 1954 and was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1958.

The Reverend Mr. Fidler has been active in the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, serving as Conference co-ordinator of Christian Social Action, Conference Youth Worker; Director of Youth and Men's Work, Middle High Camp; and Conference song leader. He is a tenor soloist.

Active in community affairs and sports, Mr. Fidler is a native of Burlington, N. C. He and Mrs. Fidler have two sons, George Jr., 17; David, 11; a daughter, Edith Marian, 15.

Pastor's Daughter Wins Honors

Miss Phyllis McEwen, daughter of the pastor of the First Congregational Church of Atlanta, upon graduation from Turner High School, received the Atlanta Journal Cup for being the faculty's selection as Best All-Around Student. She also received the school's Science Award and its Social Studies Award.

Miss McEwen has been awarded a scholarship by Barnard College in New York City.

Summer Program Offers Varied Opportunities

"Whether young people are juniors (grades 4, 5, or 6), Junior Highs (grades 7, 8, or 9), or Senior Highs (grades 10, 11, or 12), the Southeast Conference has a summer program to meet their interests and concerns," said the Reverend Miss Emilie Pitcock, Conference Minister of Christian Education.

In cooperation with the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., the Conference offers a large variety of summer opportunities: Junior camping in Tennessee; Junior High camping in north Alabama, central Georgia and eastern Tennessee; Junior High conference in southeastern Georgia; senior high weekend in southeastern Georgia; Senior High conferences in Tennessee and Georgia; and Senior High trail camping in Tennessee.

"To give you a 'bird's eye view' of what is available for our young people this summer of 1968, we list the following," said Miss Pitcock:

Junior Camps (for those who have completed grades 4, 5, and 6 and who have the approval of an official of the church sending them):

At Camp Ozone, Tenn., Junior I, June 23 - July 3, cost \$36.00; Junior II July 8 - 13, cost \$20.00; Junior III, July 21-27, cost \$30.00.

At Walden Creek, Tenn., Junior I, June 23 - 29, cost \$30.00; Junior II, July 7 - 13, cost \$30.00.

Junior High Camps (for those who have completed grades 7, 8, or 9, and having the church's approval):

At Camp Ozone, Tenn., June 17-22, cost \$20.00; Junior High I, June 23-July 3, Cost \$36.00; Junior High II, July 15-20, cost \$20.00; Junior High III, July 21-27, cost \$30.00.

At Walden Creek, Tenn., Junior High I, June 30-July 6, cost \$30.00; Junior High II, July 14-20, cost \$30.00; Junior High III, July 28-August 3, cost \$30.00.

At Roosevelt State Park, Georgia, July 1-7, cost \$25.00.

At Camp Anderson Creek, north Alabama, July 14-20, cost \$20.00.

At Dorchester Center (Junior High Conference), July 28-August 3, cost \$25.00.

Senior High Events:

At Roosevelt State Park, Senior High Conference, July 1-7, cost \$25.00.

At Dorchester Center, Senior High Weekend, July 26-28, cost \$12.00.

At Maryville College, Tenn., Senior High Conference, August 4-10, cost

Fewer Dollars To UCBWM

Although the churches have increased their Basic Support giving, a constantly decreasing proportion of these dollars has been going to the UCBWM each year. A smaller proportion is therefore available to implement the ministries of the United Church of Christ in a world of nations and people confronted with the crucial problems of leadership, education, medical care, famine, theological education, church development, poverty, reconciliation, equitable and lasting peace, justice to refugees, and the mobilization of spiritual and moral forces.

In 1962, 24.7 per cent of Basic Support given by the churches reached the UCBWM, but in 1966 only 21.5 per cent.

Domestic issues and concerns confronting the churches in the U. S. are crucial and urgent. Those overseas, too, are crucial.

Reductions in missions efforts overseas have been made and will continue to be required in future years unless more dollars and a larger proportionate share of the total benevolence giving of the churches are channeled to the UCBWM.

\$25.00.

At Camp Ozone, Senior High Interdenominational Camp, August 5-10, cost \$20.00.

Based at Camp Ozone, Black Mountain Trail Camp, August 19-24, cost \$20.00.

The Southeast Conference Office, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Georgia, 30329, has details on sites, locations, and registration procedures for all of these summer programs. Write or phone (Area 404 - 633-5655) for full information.

Congressmen Praise UCC International Development Office

Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives hailed the foresight of the United Church of Christ in establishing the Office of International Development of the Council for Christian Social Action, when CCSA representatives appeared before the committee to testify for foreign aid.

Dr. Vernon Ferwerda, chairman of CCSA's International Relations Committee, told the Congressmen that the "job of world development is one that can be done."

Giving A Living Gift Through Heifer Project

An unusual project for churches and vacation and Sunday church schools is the **Heifer Project**, providing opportunities to learn the joy of sharing so that hungry children, youth, and adults throughout the world may grow healthy chickens, rabbits, pigs, goats, and heifers.

To people who, if helped a little, can help themselves, **Heifer Project** sends gifts of animals. Last year 162 shipments of cows, goats, chicks, bees, pigs, lambs, and rabbits — each a continuing source of food — went to people in 28 nations.

What It Costs — 25c sends a baby chick; \$10 sends a rabbit; \$10 sends a package of bees; \$50 sends a goat or a sheep; \$70 sends a pig; \$300 or \$400 sends a heifer, depending on the location.

Hungry families gain hope and dignity as well as food; every gift is multiplied again and again. With each animal given, there is a promise to share the offspring with a needy neighbor. In this way each gift to one becomes a gift to many.

No church is too small to participate in the Heifer Project. For literature and full information, write to: Heifer Project, Green Lake Road, Fayetteville, New York 13066.

A PRAYER

"O Lord, our Christ, may we have thy mind and thy spirit; make us instruments of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen."

— Francis of Assisi

ANOTHER CHURCH BEGINS THE 1968-69 EMPHASIS

The United Church of Christ of Thomaston, Connecticut, got the Emphasis off the ground with an all-day planning session. Films, music, and buzz sessions produced "startling results," according to the pastor, the Reverend Walter Wallgren.

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"Tell It Like It Is"

"For many years, those who know the story have been telling us of the effects of grinding, obscene poverty in the midst of this wealthiest nation in the world. But they have not been heard," said Dr. Truman B. Douglass.

"Now the poor people are preparing to tell the story themselves and to tell it like it is. They want our support in persuading their government (and ours) to do the rudimentary things necessary to enable them to help themselves. Self-determination, not charity, is their plea."

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The Reverend Charles E. Cobb, executive coordinator of the Committee for Racial Justice, outlined some concrete actions that churches and church members can take to help insure the success of the Poor People's Campaign.

(1) Intercessory prayer for the victims of poverty and discrimination and for the Poor People's Campaign.

(2) Send money to Poor People's Campaign, care of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 352 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

(3) Collect and ship non-perishable food (money is preferable) to Mr. Miles Gary, 39 I St., N. E., Washington, D. C. (Telephone: 202-628-2337).

(4) Take part in demonstrations in cities across the nation to dramatize the appeal in Washington.

(5) Persuade senators and congressmen to offer and support legislation and increased appropriations for a massive attack on poverty.

(6) Insist on full and fair local news coverage of the demonstrations.

(7) Interpret the campaign in preaching, teaching, and civic discussion as the best alternative — not an incentive — to violence.

(8) Study the Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, available at bookstores for \$1.25.

"Wherever there is any saving to be done, Christianity ought to be in it."

"Our semi-pagan society has always practiced vicarious suffering by letting the poor bear the burdens of the rich in addition to their own."

— Walter Rauschenbusch

East Alabama Association Revivals

DATE	CHURCH	PREACHER
June 2-7	Roanoke, First	Joe A. French
June 9-14	Roanoke, Lowell	John E. Rhodes
July 28-Aug. 2	Roanoke, New Hope	Joe A. French
July 28-Aug. 2	Wedowee, Noon Day	Ralph D. Worley
Aug. 4-11	Lanett, Cong'l. Chr.	Melvin Dollar
Aug. 11-16	Five Points, State Line	?
Aug. 11-16	LaGrange, United	Dr. David Nagler
Aug. 12-18	Langdale, Cong'l. Chr.	Melvin Dollar

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FOR
YOU
AND

The Christian Community In Which
You Participate

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STUMBLE
THIS SUMMER?

- WORSHIP REGULARLY
- CONTRIBUTE SACRIFICIALLY
- BE INVOLVED IN THE CROSS-FILLED
CRISES OF OUR TIME